THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As reported by Delhi Administration the allotment was to be made through public draw of lots conducted by independent judges which was duly publicised in the daily newspapers.

(c) As reported by Delhi Administration, a letter was received by them from leader of opposition in the Metropolitan Council requesting that the policy of allotment be made public before screening the applications and that there had been certain allegations that some touts were demanding huge sums of money for allotting flatted factories. Since the procedure for allotment was by public draw of lots conducted by independent judges and since no specific instance of demand of money was brought to notice, it was not consi dered necessary to hold an enquiry into the allegations.

Decline in the industrial growth

213. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of industrial growth in the country has been declining during the current year;

(b) if so, how far the actual rate of industrial growth is lower than that projected in the budget; and

(c) what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) According to CSO Index of Industrial Production, the rate of Industrial growth during April-August, 1985 was 6.3 per cent as against 8.0 per cent during the corresponding period last year and a similar average annual rate of growth envisaged in the Seventh Five Year Plan (1985--90).

The rate of industrial growth during the current financial year would have been higher but for lower rate of growth in electricity & mining sectors and certain factors such as infrastructural constraints, under utilisation of capacities, inadequate technological upgradation, etc.

Gas Leakage in Calico Industries, Bombay

214. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR *BIRLA* :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that gas leakage accident took place at Calico Industries Chembur, Bombay on August 30, 1985, in which at least one person was killed and about 150 others including a Member of Parliament were injured and hospitalised due to serious air pollution;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what was the cause of the accident and what are the details of medical treatment and other relief provided to the victims;

(c) whether any inquiry into the lapse in respect of the safety measures in the said factory was conducted to prevent such accident in future; and

(d) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) According to the information received from the Government of Maharashtra, as a result of leakage of chlorine gas out of the storage tank of M/s. ILAC Limited at Chembur, one person died and 139 persons were admitted